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## Panamaians Fear Invasion

**Rumor That Three Thousand Colombian Troops are on the March.**

**U. S. Gunboats Reconnoitre the Coast on Both Sides of Isthmus.**

**Expeditions to Destroy Canoes and Boats to Prevent Landing Parties.**

Colon, Dec. 7.—A rumor is in circulation here to the effect that 3,000 soldiers have left Cartagena for the purpose of invading the Isthmus. No details are known and the rumor cannot be confirmed tonight. It possibly has its source in Port Limon, Costa Rica, where it was brought by steamer from Cartage.

The only possible means of approaching Panama is by narrow and difficult mountain passes through the Indian country. The United States cruiser Atlanta is now off the Indian coast.

News received by cable from Buena Ventura says that all is quiet there, and that there is no indication to move troops in any direction. The Colombian gunboat Bogota, which is still at Buena Ventura without coal, is considered quite harmless.

The United States supply ship Guigoa has arrived here.

The United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie will tomorrow land a company of marines, who will go into camp at the Empire station near Guayra Caba. The battleship Maine is coaling near Bocas del Toro.

Following instructions received December 4th from the navy department at Washington, United States gunboats on both sides of the Isthmus have started on expeditions along the coasts, principally in the direction of Colombia for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of the trails and roads between the Panamanian and Colombian frontiers and facilities for the country for sustaining expeditions marching on Panama and to generally determine the United States' best course of action in case of a Colombian invasion of the Isthmus, and also to learn the attitude of the various Indian tribes inhabiting these countries.

The United States cruiser Atlanta has gone to San Blas for this purpose and probably will continue to the Gulf of Darien. Another vessel will be sent to San Miguel, on the Pacific, and a third to David, also on the Pacific, but for the purpose of looking over the local conditions at Chiriqui and make a show of force if it is thought necessary and study the possibilities of Colombia's landing small schooner expeditions at Chiriqui from eastern points.

No reports from eastern points received these efforts. They have sent out several parties on both sides of the Isthmus and seek information and watch possible movements from the part of Colombia. No reports from eastern points received from these parties to indicate that any warlike preparations are taking place.

Panamanian expeditions on the Pacific are destroying canoes, etc., found in the rivers for the purpose of hindering the movements of Colombians who might come down the river.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The despatch of the United States cruiser Atlanta to the Gulf of Darien is of great importance and interest in connection with the rumor from Colon of the departure of the Colombian soldiers for the Isthmus of Panama. The Gulf of Darien is about 180 miles east of Colon, and the cruiser in those waters will enable the Atlanta's commander to keep in close touch with the developments at Cartagena, from which place it is rumored that soldiers are to march.

United States naval officials decline to say whether the despatch of the Atlanta is the result of intimations of warlike operations on the part of Colombia. Nevertheless the departure of the vessel is regarded as a significant indication of the intention of the United States to be on the alert.

The Colombians at Washington the reports from Colon produced a mystifying effect. They will not say whether they believe the rumors or not. The Colombians believe there are three thousand more soldiers at Cartagena and various points along the sea coast available for an invasion of the Isthmus.

The commissioners from the Department of Bolivar who came to Washington to learn the attitude respecting the Isthmus, will leave New York for Colombia Saturday. They will sail from Cartagena. They have secured a full statement of the condition of affairs. The Associated Press correspondence from Colon, giving an account of the events on the Isthmus of Panama at the time of the revolution, was eagerly read by General Reyes and his associates here. General Reyes said tonight that the acts of Colonel Torres in accepting money for embarking his troops is now under inquiry in Cartagena.

**GRAND RAPIDS BOODLERS.**

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 7.—Eight more warrants were issued late today in the water plant scandal, charging conspiracy, as follows: J. Clark Spruatt, former manager of the Morning Democrat and Evening Post; Ed. Conger, manager of the Grand Rapids Herald; C. S. Burch, manager of the Evening Press; J. Russell Thomson, Evening Press reporter; Isaac Lamoreaux, formerly city clerk. In two warrants the charge is perjury. These warrants are for ex-State Senator George E. Nichols and Gerrit H. Albers, ex-Circuit Court Commissioner. Subordination of perjury is the charge against Attorney W. F. McKnight.

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## FIRST REGULAR SESSION.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The first regular session of the 68th Congress began at noon today, but the Senate act had an hour previous to that time in accordance with the adjournment of Saturday last for the purpose of permitting an orderly termination of the called session.

## BANK OF MONTREAL.

President At Annual Meeting Views With Gratification West's Prospects.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal was held at noon today. The president, Senator Geo. A. Drummond, in his annual address, dwelt at length on the great possibilities of Western Canada, and took an optimistic view of the future of that part of the Dominion.

## PRESIDENT WILL NOT ACT.

Refuses to Interfere in Labor Troubles in Colorado Coal Fields.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Roosevelt again today declined to interfere in the strike conditions in the Telluride district of Colorado. He will not go so far even at this time, as to order an investigation into conditions. An appeal from the Western Federation of Miners was presented to the president today by Senators Teller and Patterson of Colorado, urging him to immediately investigate conditions in the San Juan and Cripple Creek districts of Colorado. At the conclusion of the conference, the Colorado Senators sent the following telegram to President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners: "The President declines to act under present conditions he has neither the power nor the right to take such action as you request."

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## Legislative Assembly

**Yesterday Was Devoted to Much Hard Work in Committee.**

**Night Sessions Began Last Evening And Will Be Continued.**

**Million Dollar Loan Bill Read a Third Time And Passed.**

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:20 p. m. Prayers were read by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A.

## PETITIONS.

The following petitions were received: From the city of Vancouver, for a private bill to amend their corporate act, No. 2. From G. W. Hobson and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Vancouver Insurance Company, No. 4. The following petitions were presented and received: By Mr. Bowser, from the city of Vancouver, for a private bill for enlarged corporate powers for the purchase or expropriation of lands in False Creek, No. 3. From Mr. Gifford, from J. Warren Bell and many others, holders of special licenses to cut timber. Asking amendment to Land Act, re such licenses.

## REPORTS.

Mr. F. C. Cotton presented the first report of the select standing committee on private bills.

Legislative Committee Room, December 7th, 1903.

Mr. Speaker:

Your select standing committee on private bills and pending orders beg leave to report as follows:

That the time limited for the presentation of petitions for private bills be extended until January 12th, 1904.

That the time limited for the presentation of private bills be extended until the 22nd January, 1904.

That the time limited for the presentation of reports be extended until January 20th, 1904, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. CARTER-COTTON, Chairman.

The report was received, and the standing orders having been suspended the report was adopted.

## MOTIONS.

Mr. Fraser introduced a bill to amend the "Pharmacy Act." Read a first time; second reading next sitting.

Mr. Cameron introduced a bill to amend the "Municipal Clauses Act." The bill was read a first time; second reading next sitting.

Mr. Evans moved: That an order of the House be granted for a return showing what lands in Cowichan district were assessed as wild lands for the years 1902 and 1903, by whom such taxes were paid and the amounts so paid. Carried.

Mr. King moved: That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of instruction given to Bullock-Webster investigation of "East Kootenay hoax." Also copies of all correspondence in respect to this matter. Also copies of Mr. Webster's report. Carried.

## BILLS.

On motion of the finance minister the report of bill No. 2 (to borrow one million dollars) was adopted, and the bill read a third time. The bill then passed.

The report of bill No. 11 (to amend the Revenue Tax Act, 1901), was adopted, the bill read a third time and passed.

The House then went into committee on the bill to amend the Coal Mines Act, Mr. Clifford chairman.

Mr. Brown (Greenwood) moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. McNiven (Victoria), that clause 3, regarding the prospectors' license fee, which it is proposed to raise from \$50 to \$100, stand as it is. Mr. Brown thought it would be folly to raise the fee, as it would discourage the development of the resources of the province. He thought that it would work hardship to the prospector, and that it would not help to encourage him.

The chief commissioner said the hon. member had erred in not stating that the prospector went out and found his land first, and then came and got his license. It was a perfectly fair proposition. If a coal or petroleum prospecting was worth anything at all it was worth \$100.

Mr. Oliver complained that the prospecting fee was higher than the cost of leasehold.

The chief commissioner said it seemed to him quite just that the government should get \$100 for the license, for the land was valuable enough to work, it was certainly worth paying \$100 for.

The commissioner moved in amendment to section 7 of the act, that the words "one hundred" be substituted therefor, and the words "and petroleum" after the word "coal" in line 5. The leaving of the clause as in the original act was merely an oversight. This made a new section, and it passed.

Mr. Brown's amendment was lost, 18 to 16.

The chief commissioner moved to strike out the words "chief commissioner of lands and works" in line 1, clause 4, and substitute therefor, "the Lieutenant-Governor in Council." The opposition hailed the amendment with applause. Mr. McNiven complimenting the hon. chief commissioner on his action. The amendment passed. Mr. Houston alone dissenting with a stentorian "No," and a call for names, to the amusement of the House.

The committee rose and reported the bill, complete with amendments.

THE ASSESSMENT ACT.

The House went into committee of the whole on the Assessment Act, Mr. Clifford in the chair.

Sub-section 14 of section 2 was amended by the addition of the words "poll" and "before the words 'horned cattle'."

Mr. Tanner (Saanich), referring to the words "chief commissioner of lands and works" in line 1, clause 4, should be exempted from taxation for at least two years, in view of the serious drawback of heavy timber, etc. The matter was to be dealt with under the head of exemptions.

Mr. Tanner moved in amendment to sub-section 4 of section 4, to strike out the words "one acre," pointing out that public schools, agricultural societies and other bodies often had more than one acre, and not in a very good position to pay additional taxes in fact there was often a mortgage on the land. He urged that the words mentioned should be struck out.

Hon. Mr. Wilson drew attention to (Continued on Page Eight).

## SPANISH ELECTORAL REFORM.

Madrid, Dec. 7.—A law compelling men to vote is among the legislation which the new cabinet intends to introduce. The ministers propose to deal generally with electoral reform, and one of the clauses of the bill will make it compulsory for every elector to exercise his right of the elective franchise.

## ENGINEER TORN TO PIECES.

Caught in Belting and Drawn Into Machinery With Fearful Result.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Fred. Clifton, a native of Saguinaw, Mich., head engineer of the Berlin beet sugar refinery, was caught in the belting and dragged into the machinery this morning and torn to pieces. The remains had to be picked up and deposited in a basket.

## WRECK IDENTIFIED.

Vessel Lost Near Cape Ray Saturday Night and Crew Perished.

St. John's, Newfoundland, Dec. 7.—The vessel which was wrecked on Ferryland head, near Cape Ray, during a furious storm at midnight last Saturday, proves to be the Danish schooner Sigrid, Petersen, from Alicante, Spain, for St. John's. Her crew of five persons perished and their bodies were washed ashore.

## WEARING OF UNION BUTTONS.

Chicago Street Car Men Display Union Insignia on Uniforms.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Although the order prohibiting buttons other than the company badges of insignia to be worn on the uniforms is made effective today, according to the new rule book of the Chicago Railway Company, no man was disciplined when he appeared wearing the union button in open violation of the edict. The men were to take action in case any member of the union was discharged for disobeying the rule.

## Three Injured On Tram Cars

**A Collision Occurs at Vancouver and Passengers Suffer Severely.**

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## Montrealers Want Isles

**Send Memorial to Ottawa Asking For St. Pierre and Miquelon.**

**Australia Will Probably Give Canada Benefit of Trade Preference.**

**Much Field Artillery and Many Maxims to Be Purchased in England.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The government has received a resolution from the Montreal Board of Trade in favor of the acquisition by Canada of the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, and this has been sent to the Colonial Office.

According to D. H. Ross, commercial agent for the Dominion in Australia, there is every prospect of Canada being given before long tariff preference in Australia. According to the department of trade and commerce, Mr. Ross says his work has been very encouraging and that all along the line a warm desire has been expressed to increase imports from Canada. There is a good opening in West Australia for Canadian carriages, harness, refrigerators and asbestos coverings.

Sir P. Borden, while in England, will purchase field artillery and siege and Maxim guns as well as confer with the War office in regard to the appointment of a Canadian officer to command the Canadian militia. Of field artillery there will probably be about ten or a dozen batteries. Of Maxim guns enough to form a company in connection with every city corps. At present there are not more than fifteen Maxims in the country.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine, and Mr. Gougeon, deputy minister, proceed to Boston tomorrow to investigate the workings of a new system of warning ships by means of a submerged bell, the vibrations caused by which are communicated to the approaching ships by means of a receiver installed on board.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, in an address before the Canadian Club tonight declared himself in favor of the commercial trade if the terms with the mother country were satisfactory. He also desired to see every young man in Canada made familiar with the use of the rifle.

The Ottawa Ministerial Association today decided to take a practical part in municipal politics this year.

## FAVORS CHAMBERLAIN.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 7.—Board of Trade endorses Chamberlain tariff policy.

## NANAIMO CITY

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Fire in Fish Curing Establishment—Sons of St. George Elect Officers.**

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 7.—Fire broke out early yesterday morning in the smoke house of A. W. Jervis & Co., the fish curers, and totally destroyed the building and contents, the loss being about \$700 with no insurance. Late on Saturday night the smoke house was filled with fish and the furnace started. The flames were first noticed shortly after midnight, the structure, sodden in fish oil, soon blazed like a torch and a magnificent spectacle on the waterfront of Newcastle townsite. The hose wagon and chemical engine were quickly on the spot and a number of residents gave willing assistance to the endeavors of the owners and employees to confine the conflagration to the one building. This was managed with difficulty, as the warehouses and the cleaning sheds were but a few feet distant. The fire unfortunately strikes a blow at a young and growing industry. The present rate of expansion is estimated at \$100,000. This was managed with difficulty, as the warehouses and the cleaning sheds were but a few feet distant. The fire unfortunately strikes a blow at a young and growing industry. The present rate of expansion is estimated at \$100,000. This was managed with difficulty, as the warehouses and the cleaning sheds were but a few feet distant. The fire unfortunately strikes a blow at a young and growing industry. The present rate of expansion is estimated at \$100,000.

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## Legislative Assembly

(Continued From Page Eight.)  
**NIGHT SITTING.**

On the House resuming at 8:30 p. m. Mr. McInnes asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

1. Have any applications been made for Crown grants under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1903?
2. If so, how many?
3. Have any Crown grants been issued under the said Act?
4. If so, to whom?
5. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:

1. Yes.
2. No.
3. Answered by the answer to No. 3.
4. The matter is now receiving the attention of the department.

**THE ASSESSMENT BILL.**

The House went into committee of the whole on the adjourned consideration of the Assessment Act. Mr. Clifford, chairman.

Hon. Mr. Taitow moved to withdraw all the sections of the bill from 9 to 23 inclusive, including everything pertaining to the 2 per cent. tax on land, explaining it was the intention to introduce a bill to deal with this.

The Premier said the government's intention was to repeal the 2 per cent. tax on land and apply the tax in another way. They proposed to proceed with the Assessment Act, leaving out the section dealing with the 2 per cent. tax. It might be within the province of this House to devise some more practicable method of taxing the land industry, and the government would be only too well pleased to accept suggestions from the opposition. Any suggestions from the Kootenay members would receive the most careful attention.

There is no question as to the tremendous agitation which has been going on for four years regarding this tax.

Hon. Mr. Taitow's motion was carried, and the sections struck out accordingly, section 22 becoming section 31 by accepting the intervening sections as read. In section 38 an amendment was made by adding the words "or fraudulently omitting to give" in full, true and complete statement of his property) making the penal clause still stronger and more definite. In section 44 the word "chief" (commissioner of Lands and Works) was struck out, and "deputy" in regard to transmitting the correct list of assessable lands, etc. Section 54, dealing with the valuation of land, was struck out on motion of the Finance Minister.

Mr. Peterson objected to a tenant being held responsible for the taxes on land not owned by himself. Mr. Bowser took the same view, and said a tenant might find himself in a very serious predicament. Hon. Mr. Wilson said a tenant should make proper enquiries before entering upon premises, and ascertain if the taxes had been paid. No complaint of hardship had ever been reported under this head. The tenant should find out before he goes in.

Mr. Peterson said whether new or old, this law was a dangerous one, and should be repealed. He said he doubted if many people in British Columbia knew the facts when land and property were held in tenancy.

Mr. Bowser thought that the amendment should be made. Hon. Mr. Wilson said if anyone would show him a single instance where hardship had been wrought he could appreciate the arguments put forward. The law was copied almost in toto from the Ontario.

Mr. Peterson said he would be prepared to consider this matter under the head of personal liability.

The section passed as it now stands. It is as follows:

"When land is assessed against both the owner and occupant, or owner and tenant, the assessor shall place his name within brackets on the roll, and shall write opposite the name of the owner the letter 'E', and opposite the name of the occupant or tenant the letter 'T', and both names shall be numbered on the roll. Provided always, the taxes may be recovered from either the owner, tenant or occupant, or from any future owner, tenant or occupant, having his recourse against any other person."

Regarding the taxation of life insurance companies, Mr. D. very pointed out that some of the benevolent orders were carrying on a regular insurance business, and he could not see why they should be exempt.

Section 16 was amended by striking out the words "which has already been assessed the partnership," leaving the section in effect that a partner in his individual capacity should not be assessable for his share of any of the personal property of the partnership.

Clause 10 which was as follows:

Personal property in the sole possession or under the sole control of any person as trustee, agent, consignee, guardian, executor, administrator or receiver, shall be assessed and taxed against such person alone, was amended by striking out the word "alone," and substituting the words "in his representative capacity."

In the discussion regarding taxation of machinery, etc., the Hon. Mr. Wilson said it was quite impossible to define what was a fixture and what was not. Where a fixture was permanent it became part of the land, and he cautioned the assessors to be careful in suggesting such changes. The section should certainly stand as it was in the interest of fair and equitable taxation.

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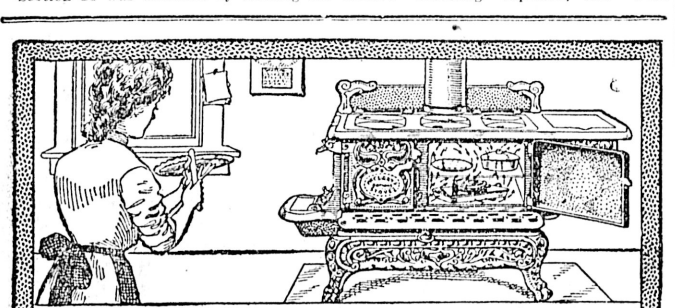
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amount did each of those gentlemen receive on account of each particular journey since June 1st, 1903?

The Hon. Mr. Taitow replied as follows:

Hon. R. McBride.—Traveling expenses to and from Atlin and Cassiar districts (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, hack hire, etc.), \$395; traveling expenses to and from Kootenay (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, etc.), \$222; hack hire (sundry times), \$10.50. Total, \$627.50.

Hon. A. E. McPhillips.—Traveling expenses to and from Atlin and Cassiar districts (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, hack hire, etc.), \$395; traveling expenses attending at Vancouver in cases of R. Cook and R. South, installing new registrar at Vancouver, and examining into work and staff at New Westminster Lang Registry office and at New Westminster Jail, \$50; hack hire (sundry times), \$8; traveling expenses, conducting assizes at Vancouver, \$103. Total, \$557.

Hon. C. Wilson.—Traveling expenses to and from Ottawa, including railway and steamboat fares, berths, parlor car, etc., \$719.75; traveling expenses as president of council from Vancouver to Victoria and return (11 trips), \$41. Total, \$800.75.

Mr. Evans asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates this session for a school house at Crofton?

The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:

"Provision will probably be made for the erection of a school house at Crofton in the estimates of 1904-1905."

## Local News

**Will Run Again.**—Questioned last evening by a Colonist reporter, both A. Dinsdale and Kinsman announced that it was their intention to run again in the interest of North Ward at the approaching municipal elections. It is the general belief that all the present aldermen will be candidates.

**Undesirable Settlers.**—On the Empress liner which arrives today are four Chinese women who will attempt to land here as the wives of an equal number of fellow-countrymen, who will be on hand to claim the new arrivals as their lawfully wedded wives. As the women are being imported for immoral purposes their landing here will be prevented.

**The G. O. C. Parade.**—All members of the regiment are warned to be on the lookout for the above parade which is expected will be called in the next few days, but owing to the uncertainty as to the arrival of Lord Dunsuir it is improbable that more than a few hours' notice can be given. For the credit of the regiment the commanding officer expects that every man will put all other engagements on one side. It is four years since the regiment was introduced by a General Officer Commanding.

**Ministerial Association.**—At the meeting of the Ministerial Association, held yesterday morning, the paper which was to have been read by Rev. J. P. Westman on the "Relation of the Pastor to the Sunday School" was not given. Rev. Mr. Westman being unable to be present, it was arranged after the meeting, the business of the meeting was disposed of, that a week of prayer would be held in the city churches during the first week in the coming year. The arrangements for the week of prayer were left in the hands of a special committee appointed for that purpose.

**Convention of Mayors.**—At the invitation of His Worship Mayor McCandless all the mayors and Reeves of the lower mainland and island will assemble here tomorrow for the purpose of discussing proposed amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act which are to be asked for at the present session of the legislature. The convention will open at the city hall tomorrow morning. A couple of days will probably be necessary to complete the business in hand. At the last meeting of the Burnaby district council Reeve Schou was authorized to attend the meeting. This will be his last term of office, as Mr. Schou will retire at the approaching close of the municipal year, after holding office since the municipality was created.

**HOPPER VS. DUNSMUIR.**

Reading of Evidence Continued.—Mrs. Joan Dunsuir Asks to Be Included.

The hearing of the commission evidence in the famous will case was proceeded with yesterday morning by Mr. Justice Drake in the Supreme Court.

After reading the cross-examination of the witness, Mrs. Jacques, the evidence of J. L. Copeland, attorney at law, San Francisco, was read. He had called Mr. Alexander Dunsuir at the Grand hotel, San Francisco, in 1898, and testified that in his opinion, judging from Mr. Dunsuir's conversation with him, Dunsuir was mentally incapable.

Dr. Connelley E. Buckley gave evidence of professional services rendered in 1895. He gave his impressions of Mr. Dunsuir's mental condition two years after, but stated that it was only an impression. He had not examined Mr. Dunsuir and could not state his opinion from a medical view.

C. F. Schmidt's evidence was read and declared as useless by Mr. Justice Drake as throwing no light whatever on the case. Schmidt was a waiter at the Palace hotel, San Francisco.

A. K. Bazells testified that he had been employed as trained nurse during an illness Mr. Dunsuir had in 1893. This evidence Mr. Justice Drake also declared as useless, the date being too far before the signing of the will to be of any use as evidence.

H. D. Helms, C. C., differed from his lordship, and claimed that it was useful as showing the gradual decay in Mr. Dunsuir's mental powers.

The evidence of Herbert Jaeger, another trained nurse, relating to same illness was also read.

H. Cole Skinner, bartender, at the Occidental hotel, San Francisco, gave evidence regarding visits paid the bar of that hotel by Mr. Dunsuir between 1894 and 1896.

George A. Cole, a San Francisco mining engineer, stated he had undertaken a trip to British Columbia for the British government to report on the Fraser river mining excitement, and Mr. Dunsuir in the Occidental bar in 1895. He was introduced by the last witness. He corroborated the peculiarities mentioned.

Angelina P. Douglas, a former friend of Mrs. Wallace, afterwards Mrs. Alexander Dunsuir, testified to having met Mr. Dunsuir on many occasions, covering a period of ten years or more. She testified that before Mrs. Wallace married Mr. Dunsuir she lived with him for a long time and would give him all the liquor he desired.

Mr. Appleby, night watchman and afterwards steward of the Pacific Club, now the Union Pacific Club, gave evidence of several visits Mr. Alexander Dunsuir made to that establishment in 1897. He told Mr. Justice Drake that Dunsuir amused himself by throwing money out of the window of the barroom into the street, and only desisted when the change in the barroom till gave out.

Before adjourning counsel for Mrs. Joan Dunsuir made application to Mr. Justice Drake to become parties to the suit, but on account of not having furnished the defendant's counsel with notice his lordship did not hear the application. Fresh application will be made this morning when the court meets at 10:30 this morning.

The court then adjourned.

In the Supreme court yesterday heard for the chief justice, Mr. Gordon Hunter, the case of Johnstone vs. Oliver, an action for \$3,000 damages claimed on account of the loss of the fishing season by plaintiff because of the detention of

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**RUGBY FOOTBALL.**  
At Saturday next the Victoria senior team will meet the Nanaimo fifteen in a championship match. The Nanaimo men have been training hard for several weeks past and are feeling hopeful. Victoria will have a splendid fifteen in the field, as for the first time this season the strongest team will be out.

The team will be chosen from the following players: Schofield, Hip Gillespie, Ken Gillespie, Al. Gillespie, MacRae, Cornwall, Cullin, Banly, Mistlebrook, Kennedy, Austin, Millman, Grundy, Talbot, Patton, Moresby, McLeod.

The final line-up is to be decided on Wednesday night and will be published.

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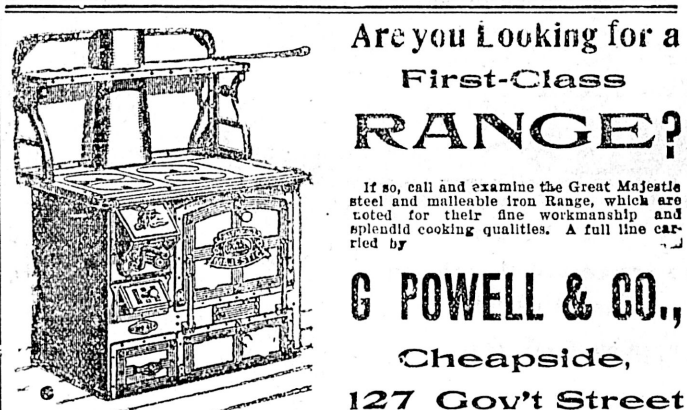
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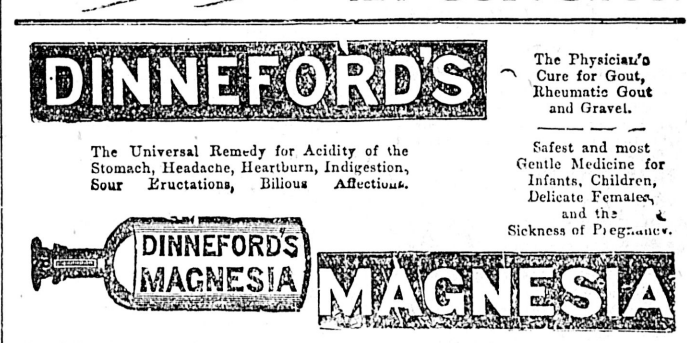
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## Legislative Assembly

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The fact that many of these institutions held, and night hold, large areas of land much more than they could use or wished to use. He thought that the clause should stand as it was. The minister of finance would insert a special clause dealing with agricultural societies. The clause accordingly stood over.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow moved the insertion of a new clause in place of sub-section 14, which ran to the effect that personally up to \$1,000 should be exempt. The new clause makes it \$500. Hon. Mr. Tatlow pointed out that the original amount would have deprived the exchequer of something like \$65,000 of \$70,000. The change had been made after consultation with the leading provincial assessors. He mentioned the case of Chinese fancy goods dealers whose assessments ranged from \$500 to \$1,000.

Mr. Cameron, speaking to sub-section 16 (exemptions) "lands within the limits of any municipality," asked if the act meant to exempt municipal property within or without the limits of the municipality.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow and Hon. Mr. Wilson thought that if a municipality chose to invest its surplus savings outside the bounds of the municipality, it had a right to expect to be taxed. Mr. Cameron enquired to lands required for waterworks, and also for isolation hospital purposes, which were not speculative. Messrs. Drury and Macdonald (Rossland) contended that such works would be exempt from taxation.

Mr. Cotton thought this would work hardship in the case where one municipality had property within the limits of another municipality. He instanced the case of Vancouver having its waterworks in the municipality of North Vancouver.

A lengthy discussion took place on the clause (17) dealing with the exemption of the output of mineral and coal lands on which a royalty is reserved for the crown, to the extent of such royalty and no more. The sub-section stood.

Mr. Tanner (Saanich) moved in amendment, and it was duly incorporated. He moved that agricultural and horticultural lands be exempt from taxation on the land for a period of two years from the date of the pre-emption record.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow moved that three new sub-sections be inserted. Mr. McInnes asked that the various amendments being submitted by the government for insertion in the bill be settled upon the notes and proceedings, so that the members could have an opportunity of studying them. He pleaded ignorance of their scope and purport.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said that they would be printed in any case, and that it was important to push forward the bill as fast as possible. The bill would be several days going through, in which the amendment could be studied.

Mr. Oliver moved that the amendments be printed from 20 upwards. Mr. McInnes gave the government full credit for their determination to increase the wild land tax. But he offered an amendment exempting permanent improvements on the land used for agricultural purposes up to the value of \$2,500. The increase in the wild land tax would more than counterbalance the decrease on this tax. No man should be more carefully encouraged than the settler, the farmer. The lumberman left nothing behind after he had cut away the forests, which took centuries to reproduce themselves; the miner left nothing but a hole in the ground—his work was out. On the other hand, the farmer added substantially to the permanent assets of the province.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow pointed out that the farmer had already several important exemptions, including the two years' exemptions from date of settlement. If they went any farther this sort of thing would become class legislation.

Mr. Oliver asked the government if they had ever heard of any farmer in British Columbia who had a thousand dollars income.

Mr. Tanner said the farmer was the most valuable worker in any country, because his labor added to, and did not take from, the value of the province. He instanced the steadily rising value of land as it was cleared by the farmer.



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## Liners Due Today From the Orient

**Empress of India and Shawmut Are Both Expected From Yokohama.**

**Other Liners Due During This Week—Beacon Off Skeena Washed Away.**

There are a number of liners due this week from the Orient, and today is expected to see the arrival of two of the fleet of six now on the way at the ocean docks. The R. M. S. Empress of India, which sailed from Yokohama eleven days ago for this port, is due today, and the steamer Shawmut, the big liner of the Boston Steamship Company, is due on her first return voyage from Manila since she was converted into a passenger vessel and placed in the Tacoma, Victoria and Manila service together with the sister vessel, the Empress. The Empress of India is bringing a cargo of 3,550,000 pounds measurement, including heavy shipments of silk and silk goods, the silk on board weighing 235 tons. She has only 30 tons cargo left at Victoria, which, as usual, will be transhipped back from Vancouver. There are fifty saloon passengers on board and 276 steerage, of whom 50 are booked to Victoria, the steamer being chartered by the Boston Tugboat Company, which is also en route from Yokohama, is due on Tuesday of next week, and the steamer Aki Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, is also due on the same day. From her sister vessel, the Empress, she is bringing 361 tons of freight and 127 Chinese passengers for this city. The steamer Indrapura, of the Portland and Asiatic line, which left Yokohama on the 26th inst., is also due on Friday. The steamer Ounfa, of the China Mutual line, is coming to Victoria this trip via San Francisco.

## FROM COAST MINE.

Steamer Venture Is From Island Mine With Cargo of Ore For Crofton.

Steamer Venture, Capt. Buckholtz, reached port yesterday on her first voyage from the Southern Cross mines on Uchuckoset Harbor, Barkley Sound, which are being operated by N. L. Shaw and associated. The Venture brought three hundred tons of very good looking ore, which carries gold, silver and copper, from the mine, and she left last night for Crofton to deliver her cargo at the Crofton smelter. She will also carry ore from the Yreka mine on Quatsino Sound and will shortly make a trip to that mine. Capt. Buckholtz reports that the staff at the Southern Cross mine are at work and will soon have another cargo in their bunkers at the sea front awaiting the coming of the Venture.

## BEACON WASHED AWAY.

Beacon Placed on Watson Rock Off Skeena, Has Disappeared.

Mariners who pass the mouth of the Skeena river report that the beacon which was recently erected by the D. G. S. Quadra at Watson Rock, has been washed away. This beacon, which was placed at Watson Rock, off Gibson Island at the mouth of the Skeena river, is considered by the navigators frequenting those waters to have been almost essential, and it is hardly to be seen. What is required, according to steamboatmen, is a large beacon with an occulting light, similar to that which marks Brocheleuodes.

## MARINE NOTES.

No contract has yet been awarded for the repairs to the Moana. A number of tenders have been invited by the C. P. R., but none have yet been accepted for the repairs to the steamer. She was visited by a large number of spectators on Sunday. The steamer was towed to the dock late in the afternoon, and last night she left for a convey with the British ship Pass of Killiecrankie, which has been discharging cargo at the Ocean docks.

## Attempts Fail To Float Flora

Twice the Efforts of the Wreckers Result in a Failure.

Hawser Snapped and the Cruiser Settled Back on the Rocks.

H. M. S. Flora is still fast on the rocks at Village point, Victoria Island, two attempts having been made to haul her off without success. Preparations are now being made to make another attempt on Wednesday at high water. On Sunday the stern was raised, the four big central pumps of the British Columbia Salvage Company had thrown out the water and with pontoons and scows chained together this floating tide, and at high water the attempt was made to draw the ship. Chords had been placed out astern to which lines were attached on the Flora, whose engines were working and assisting in the effort to drag the cruiser seaward by tightening these lines, and H. M. S. Flora and the British Columbia Salvage Company had both fastened big hawsers on board the Flora. When the signal was given at the highest limit of the flood tide both the flagships and the survey vessel tagged for several minutes, the engines of the Flora assisted with her line, attached to the anchors astern, but the big vessel would not move, and then one of the big hawsers snapped and the Flora settled back in her position in the narrow cradle of rock fast as she was when she crashed on the rocks last.

Rear Admiral Bickford was not present at this attempt. He reached Nanaimo on the noon train on Sunday and proceeded to the wreck in a naval launch. He was in charge of the effort made yesterday when the arrangements were similarly carried out. The vessel refused to budge, though, despite all attempts to float her. The cruiser has been lightened of everything that can be taken out of her. Her guns, extra spars, ammunition, coal stores, in fact everything movable in her has been lightened, and is stored ashore and in the bulk Japan, which lies near by.

Some of those who have seen the warship as she lies fast at Village point are of the opinion that it will take some time before she is floated, for she is held fast on the rocks. Capt. Foote of the steamer City of Nanaimo, who saw the vessel on Friday, is of this opinion. He was told that she was steaming ten knots an hour when she struck.

Representative Nehemiah D. Sperry, of the Second Connecticut district, the father of the house in point of years, being seventy-five years of age, is one of the founders of the republican party, and was secretary of the republican national committee during Lincoln's administration. He went in the bond of the publisher of the Monitor, which demolished the Merrimack.

Mrs. Goudy—My boy, it makes me sick at heart to see you smoking.

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## Improving the Telephone Service

**Most Modern System Being Established in the Bank of Montreal Building.**

**Local Telephone Exchange Will Shortly Be Removed to New Quarters.**

The telephone system of the Victoria & Esquimalt Telephone Company, which will shortly move into their new headquarters in the Bank of Montreal building, is undergoing a thorough metamorphosis, and in a few weeks a much improved system will be in use—a system which will make the service in this city the most modern in the Northwest. Mr. E. W. McLea, engineer of the Bell Telephone Company in Montreal, is now hard at work erecting the new switchboards and installing all the appliances for the new system at the Bank of Montreal building, and by the commencement of February it is expected that the work will be about complete. Then the subscriber will no longer have to lift to call "central," for the act of lifting down the receiver will notify central of the call, and no longer the sweet voice at the top of the high building will cut in to say, "Did you get there?" and other little pleasantries. It will not be necessary, for with the improved system there will be a little flickering lamp here, the operator which will tell her that the line is busy, and when the light flickers out, then the line is disengaged.

Conduits have been laid below the block paving of Bastion street, all in readiness for the central of the telephone offices, and the staff at work under the supervision of the expert from Montreal, are now preparing for the change. The cables containing the many wires from the city's telephones will enter the basement of the Bank of Montreal building, where the wire superintendent will have his office, and pass into the main distributing rack—rack, which has a capacity of 5,000 "phones," and from there, for addition, Here, in the basement, the dynamo and batteries are also installed, for the company will generate its own power. All the wires entering here are protected by "armoured" cables, which are a "sneak" current arresster, which cuts off the switch boards from outside currents. Every power leading from the switch boards to the switch boards is protected by a "sneak" cable, which is also in the basement, and an arresster is made so that when any large blows out—as fuses will do—it rings an alarm at the switch board and also lights a pilot lamp, which allows the operator to adjust the trouble without the necessary search under the old system.

From the basement the cables are carried up through chutes, well protected from moisture, etc., into the rooms at the top of the building, where they are passed on over griffin-like racks to the intermediary distributing frame, and the relay racks, and thence the cables, with their multitudinous wires, are carried along to the half-circular switch board, where the "bell girls" will have their chairs facing the board, with the desk of the manager in the centre of the floor.

When the connections are completed — is expected that the work will be complete at the beginning of February, when a subscriber lifts down the receiver this action will cause the little incandescent light immediately under his number to light, and, seeing the light, the operator will pick up one of the double plugs, and, inserting one in the wire terminal above the little light, she will place the other plug in the terminal of the number called for, and then nothing remains for central to do, the conversation goes on, and when the receivers are put up the lights flicker out, and she removes the two plugs. Under this system every number in the exchange is controlled by each operator, whereas at present, under the old system, it often takes two or three operators to pass the message one to another before the connection is made.

There are a number of other improvements, all adding to make the switch board and appliances which are being placed in the new building by Mr. McLea the most improved service in this part of the country. The wires are all amply insulated, and in every way the modern telephone arrangements prevail. At present each subscriber has but two wires reaching central, whereas under the new service there are four. When the company commences to move in a few weeks, the managers state that it will be necessary to cut out some of the subscribers for a few hours at different times in order to move the system. As soon as the telephones can be secured, new instruments will be placed in each subscriber's premises. When the plans are now being considered, seen, Mr. Kent, for a cable to give Victoria a telephone service with Vancouver.

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